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In response to the requirement for restriction in the Office communication dated July 25, 2006, Applicants elect the claims of Group II, claims 11-21.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Patent Office has failed to satisfy the requirement for showing a serious burden in examining all the claims together. Without a serious burden, the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn. See M.P.E.P. § 803. None of the reasons given for the restriction requirement implicate a serious burden. The conclusory statements that the groups are "unrelated" do not take into consideration the similarities explained in the specification as a whole, such as the purpose of treating damaged skin. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement.

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